

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (cancelled):

Claim 2 (previously presented): A revolver comprising a curved frame provided with a slot; a hammer having a top face, the hammer being movably mounted in the slot of the frame; and a safety device mounted in a longitudinal bore provided in the hammer for selectively preventing movement of the hammer for firing the revolver, the bore extends in a direction which is substantially perpendicular to the top surface of the hammer; the safety device comprises a locking pin movably mounted in the bore between a first position wherein the locking pin is flush with the top surface of the hammer and a second position wherein the locking pin protrudes above the top surface of the hammer, wherein the safety device prevents firing of the revolver when the locking pin is in the second position.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The revolver of claim 2, wherein the locking pin comprises an elongated cylindrical body comprising a head portion and a body portion, the body portion includes a helicodal groove which engages a cylindrical retentive pin which is fixed to the hammer and extends in a direction which is substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the bore, wherein rotation of the locking pin in a clockwise and counterclockwise direction

results in movement of the locking pin between the first and second positions.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The revolver of claim 2, wherein ~~the~~ a head portion of the locking pin has a top surface having an opening having a hexagonal portion.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The revolver of claim 4, wherein a cylindrical pin extends upward in the opening and has on the top surface thereof a small recess.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The revolver of claim 2, wherein the locking pin includes a radially extending non-through hole which receives a spring ~~having on either end spheres~~ which selectively engage cavities provided in the hammer at diametrically opposed surfaces defining the bore.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The revolver of claim 6, wherein the cavities are at different heights with respect to the longitudinal direction of the bore.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The revolver of claim 2, wherein the locking pin is provided with a depression which allows for passage of a stopping pin mounted in the frame when the safety pin is in the second position.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The revolver of claim 8, wherein the hammer has a curved groove for receiving the stopping pin.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The revolver of claim 8,  
wherein the depression is located below a helicodal groove  
provided on the locking pin.